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1. This year Soviet commercial representatives have been ordered to buy and send to the USSR large quantities of Tulum (Turfan) cotton (rated one of the best types in the world), large quantities of sheep and camel wool, and as much as possible of the following: hides of bulls, horses and sheep, raisins and dried apricots. Raisins and apricots are often used by Soviet troops when sugar is lacking.

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2. The SOVSINTORG [Soviet Sinkiang Trading Company] is a trading company established through the investments of the Soviet Government and the Sinkiang Provincial Government in 1924. Through this company the Soviets imported furs and wool from Sinkiang, and Sinkiang imported textiles, petroleum, matches, and other necessities from the USSR. The company loaned money to various sheep breeders at the spring and autumn fleecing seasons. It is an important organ for Soviet economic domination in Sinkiang.

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